FOR THE LADIES. PASHION FACTS AND PANCIES FROM NEW YORK.

Seasonable Suggestions-A Tea-Gown-Home Decoration-A New Street Costume-Wraps and Mantles

pondence of the Richmond Dispatch NEW YORK, December 24, 1886. The tea-gown is a happy compromise between a home dress and an evening or reception gown. The charming creans now seen, intended for wear at informal teas, or small card-parties, originated, as most of these graceful ideas do, with the Parisian modistes, and they have become almost necessary additions to every lady's wardrobe.

The illustration represents a pleasing design for one of these robes, which is plaited plastron is in cafe au lait surab, which is continued in the front larize any one of them as breadth of the skirt. The revers (also continues all the way down the front, and which form the lower border rately embroidered in silks. The el- purpose, Field-Marshal. Von Moltke they had been left for me by a servant of the gown) are also of surah. elabosleeves and open collar are bordered with cream-tinted lace, and a ruby satin ribbon is drawn loosely round the waist, being tied on the front in a large bow.



These gowns are also made very

rearl buttons. window draperies, and lace curtains subself and he folly expec severy one appear in greater variety than ever. who is brought in contact with him to

tume which is entirely new, both in ing that some of his finest works were the combination of materials and in miserably field. This was notably its design. Camel's-hair cloth of a the case with "The Sanctuary," a pi the stripes being of the wine-color, drapery consists of a gracefully-draped apron in front, which falls over an underskirt entirely of the plaid velvet.

Young ladies of sixteen cannot, of course, wear quite the same manner of costumes as their mammas or older wear are entirely distinct in their de-

very well liked some time ago, and main with very little decay during which has never entirely gone out of the many generations. My opinion is that range of fashion-old gold. On one the turpentine of the medium is the side of the undershirt there is a large chief offender, and that the true artist panel of velvet, somewhat darker in should discard it altegether as fitted color, and on the other side the drapery, which is quite long and is of applegreen cashmere, is caught up to form a demanded. Careful examination of the On the basque there is a very full vest | whether they used turpentine at all, of the cashmere plaited, which disap- and to conclude that their medium was pears beneath a broad-pointed band of linsced-oil pure and simple, used so The collar and cuffs are of the same

Pick plush is the material which is dered in tiny flowers and leaves. Around the waist is a broad sash of piceted to the simple styles in which girls of this age were formerly dressed. waist of this costume of the plush laces up the front, with a V-shaped opening which is almost entirely filled in with lisse, as it is not of course good form for the neck to be as open as on ladies' dresses. The dress is trimmed through-

out with pink bead passementerie.

Among wraps and mantles for winter wear is one styled the "Macbeth," though why it has received this appellation might well puzzle a student of Shakespeare. It is a long shape, reaching within a short distance of the bottom of the dress-skirt, and is of black plush. The bordering is also black fox fur being generally chosen, though sable is worn on the handsomer The sleeves, collar, and front are all covered with designs in jet passe-

on a wrap or visite, and on very many occasions of an informal nature, such a covering is not altogether suitable, the short English walking-jackets and coachmen's coats are found very serfine English kersey of a soft dove-color ; like a coaching-coat. It is fastened wearer exquisitely.

street-wear are extremely popular, and better prices for any he may be obliged they are seen on every hand. They are to sell. Second. Buyers wish it to apmade in fancy English suitings, hand-semely lined throughout with striped will tend to lower prices. Third. Many

personage in any household, and he influence and commercial standing if must possess as much purple and fine linen nowadays as his bond-slaves the female members of the family.

All the large establishments are propared to furnish layettes, whose cost-

liness and elegance show that fashion has as much care for the tiniest of hu-man creatures as she has for her chosen

devotees. I noticed the other day a very pretty eradle in the infants' department of one of our large houses. It was in a very handsome wicker-ware design, made with a hood, and trimmed daintily with pale-blue satin. A beautiful little lace-edged pillow, also of satin, and with the word "Baby" in silk embroidered across it, afforded a pleasant resting-place for the little monarch's bead. ore could pay \$65 or more for such a C. H. M. contrivance.

Molfke, Alexander Domas, Laborchere as " Subjects " [Nineteen.h Century.]

I have often been asked whom I conced in heliotrope cashmere. The at times fallen in with it is somewhat difficult for me to particufor I have been so repeatedly asked if I did not think Mr. Henry Labouchere | broke the seal and read as follows: to be a difficult-in fact, an impossi-ble-"subject" that there will no doubt be those who will be expecting and desiring to see his name in the place pectation, I found Mr. Labouchere, in the experiments I tried with him, to be His way of an excellent "subject" what was more, he was perfectly honest with me. I found in him a skeptic willing to be convinced, but one keenly on the alert to detect imposition and to discountenance pretence. me he was from beginning to end both earnest and sincere; and, while he may this world who can on occasion be more "thorough" than the senior member He is as absolutely unemotional as it is possible for any one to be. Then, in notice, and, on my telling her how I ment, he is extremely bigoted and selfwilled. He has, I believe, a warm heart, prettily in what is known as eiter-down from which good resolves and kindly Jersey cloth, a material which is soft actions repeatedly spring; but he has and fleecy; and they are made with schooled husself to look upon such puffed Breton fronts, daintily trimmed | things as weeknessess, and he would with bright-colored satio ribbons and drem it halls short of a crime for him to betray his emotions. He is always Much attention is given just now to seeking to have complete control over

very fine quality, and in a new shade ture of a red deer that had just crossed of wine-color, forms the main material, a lake and was emerging with the wawhile the sleeves of the basque and ter dripping from its fur. When this the wide plastron are in plaid velvet, was first exhibited at the Academy admired, among other details, mingled with apple-green. The ever- sparkling brilliancy of the water drops, and the general suggestion of coo freshness throughout the picture. At the later exhibition all this had gone. In naming this I am not selecting an exception, but a typical example o signs, though quite as neat and pretty lated with a network of cracks, even during the lifetime of the painter, One very graceful model is in a color | while the works of the old masters reonly for the work of the house-painter. of whom rapid drying and flatting are sabot effect. The back drapery is very surface of the works of the older of the old masters has led me to doubt darker velvet, placed at the warst. freely that the drying of their pictures must have demanded days or weeks and a studio free from dust. With such a medium every individual partichiefly used on a very pretty evening cos- | cle of the pigment matter is enveloped tume intended for a young miss. The and scaled in a curiously imperishable drapery is entirely of fine lisse, embroitransparent skin, which dries by gaining something-viz., oxygen, and therefore swells a little in thus drying, thereribbon, which gives some resemblance by compacting itself and embracing ucre firmly with loving aesthetic hug The the precious color particles that constitute by their arrangement the artist's pleasure-giving legacy to his fel low-creatures. Not so the turpentine diluted medium. In this case half of the medium evaporates, leaving the poor particles of pigment half naked to their enemies. Some painters have mixed varnishes, such as copal or mastic, with the oil medium, or have even used these as the sole medium. The result of this is peculiarly disastrous,

ing the picture. The Lumberman's Gazette mentions When a lady does not desire to put three causes of the difficulty in ascertaining the amount of standing pine this interview had thrown me he was left in any particular lumbering region-e. g., the United States census glittering on my finger." for 1880 gave the amount then left in Michigan as 22,000,000,000 feet, while viceable. One of these jackets is in one class of private estimates put the amount at 16,000,000,000, and another it is made with lapped seams, in the ran it up to 32,000,000,000. The reasame manner as the box- or top-coats sons given for these extraordinary discre-worn on the other side of the water, or pancies in the statements and estimates are: First. The speculator in pine lands down the front with large globe-shaped holding for a rise is interested in hav-black buttons, and fits the form of the ing the public believe that the amount of pine land left is less than it really Tailor-made jackets of all kinds for is, because this will enable him to get firms desire be credited with owning a The baby is always an important great deal of lumber, as this gives them

especially if the color is laid on thick-

ly, as is likely with such a viscous and

quick-drying medium. As the solvent

of the varnish evaporates the whole

contracts and leaves a network of

cracks or wrinkles, practically destroy-

THE STORY OF A RING. How Well the Jewels of an Actress Reep Their Own Secret. (Charles hervey in the London Theatre.)

In one of her confidential moments Mile. Mars related to her youthful colleague of the Theatre Francaise, the pretty Aimee Doze, the history of a diamond ring occasionally worn by her. spread a Persian carpet. In the centre 'Many years ago," she said, "I was playing at the Comedie Francaise
Mile de Beauval' in Brueys et Palaprat, the plot of which is extremely simple, and hinges on the delivery of an Inquiry revealed the fact that suther from prison by means of a diamond ring generously offered him by a celebrated actress of the time. Before commencing the stage-manager brought me, according to custom, the property ring used for the piece, which was merely a bit of rudely-cut glass in a sider to be the best and who the worst rim of copper; I wore it as usual, and "subject" for thought reading. With gave it back in the course of the eve-all the different "subjects" I have ning. Two days after the same comedy was again given, and this time the house was crowded to excess. I had just ing in ad- left my dressing-room, when, instead of vance of the rest, yet I think I might the ring I had worn on the previous octe justified in saying that for down-right concentration of thought, mathe- with a small case in light blue velvet. matical precision, and earnestness of tegether with a scaled note, saying that would take the palm. As to the worst in livery, with the request that I would "subject," I think that of all the distinguished personages with whom I other. I opened the case and discov-have eperated M. Alexander Dumas ered a magnificent diamond ring, which gave me the greatest trouble. Some so surprised and dazzled me that for a people will be surprised, while others mement I forgot the accompanying will be disappointed, at hearing this; note; but at length, reflecting that it would probably explain the mystery, I

". The ring worn two nights ago by Mlle. de Beauval was neither worthy of her nor of you. Accept this one, Madam, without fear; it is offered as a of M. Dumas. Contrary to general ex- simple homage to the artist, and he who sends it pledges himself ever to remain

her unknown admirer.' "The lines bore no signature, and I thinking was sharp and decisive, and, confess that I felt a momentary hesitation before complying with a request which, after all, might not be quite so disinterested as it at first sight appeared. I had, however, no time for With reflection, as the stage was waiting; so aged to get through my part without to the British mind becounted as some-what too versatile, there is no man in performance I tried to discover among the audience the writer of the note, but in vain, and when the curtain fell refor Northampton. M. Alexander Du- turned to my dressing-room, where my mas is a man of quite another stamp. maid, Lisette, was waiting for me. Naturally, the diamond attracted her addition to his cold and passive tempera- came by it, ' Depend upon it, Madame,' she said, 'it is no real stone; if it were, it would be worth an enormous sum of morey.' 'So much the better.' I re-plied; 'those who make valuable pres-ents to actiesses generally end by de-

burst into the room where we were sit-

a fancy ball given by the Countess do | tions one of them took a live scorpion, a fancy ball given by the Countoss do B—, a lady belding a prominent position in society, who had spared nothing to render her file the great event of the season. It was a scene of enchantment, and the night was far adendantment, and the night was far adendantment and the night was far adendantment. vanced before I could tear myself performed the same feat roared like away from so brilliant a spectable. Passing through a gallery leading to the prickly pear, thrust forward their member of the company they proceeded entrance hall, I suddenly felt a hand hends and snapped at it inverted of time and wearing a blue velvet skull- and, having heated them in the flame of dough, and each fish was separate cap with a jewelled clasp. For a mothe candle, stuck them in their tongues the cased in a coating about an included with a jewelled clasp. For a mothe candle, stuck them in their tongues the cased in a coating about an included with the candidate of the can ment or two he remained silent, but and cheeks.

The actions I have mentioned were they were cooked without dressing the head of the silent for the presently asked me, in a voice trem-bling with emotion, if I had forgotten the evening of . Bruey's et Palaprat. "No,' I replied, with a vain attempt

at composure. 'How could I?'
"My words seemed to make a profound impression on him, for he seized my hand and clasped it warmly. 'You remember it still,' he exclaimed, 'even though the token that might have kent it in your memory has disappeared! Tell me, did you regret its loss?

" Bitterly, I said; 'not so much for its value, as on account of the mystery

" . If it were again in your possession, and '-here he paused- on the same conditions as before, would it give you " 'How can you doubt it!'

" He held my hand in his and pressed it tenderly; then mastering his agitation by a strong effort, murmured in my ear in a despairing tone that still haunts me : 'A pledge once given by a man of honor cannot be broken. Whatever it may cost me I must remain forever your unknown admirer. Adieu, madame, adieu! Before I could recover from the stupefaction into which cone, and the long-lost diamond was

"And you have never seen him since?" inquired Mlle. Doze.

" Never." What a pity it is," rattled on the the identity of the mysterious stranger."

a smile. actresses if our jewels did not keep a bar that forms a brim-a bar of will be famous some time." their own secrets !?

Last night, writes an Algiers corre-spondent of the St. James's Gazette, it is lashed into foam, and leaps over a fraternity numbering among its members Arabs, Nubians, and Kabyles. The miles over rocky heights and through mies." scene of the rite was the open court-yard of a house in the Arabic quarter of the | Men and horses were tired and hungry.

bule opening from the street—was paved with red tiles, surrounded by columns supporting horseshoe-shaped srebes, which, in turn, upbeld an upper gallery, the pillars of which were consected by a stone believed to the street of the street state. rected by a stone balustrade breast bigb. On this occasion the tiles were covered by matting, over which was stood a low table, on which a tall candle burnt; and on it also were an urn filled with burning coals, a naked sword, a spear, and the leaf of a horses. prickly-pear. In an apartment look-One of the wonders of Henry's lake is the floating island. When we camped at night a lovely island was within a ing on the court some venerable chiefs, in turbans and snowy burstone's throw of us. We decided to nous - grave, dignified, silent - sat cross-legged on low couches. In the explore it in the morning. The soft green carpet, the drooping willows, and court, seated in like manner and formstiff little pines, so near the shining suring a semi-circle round the table, with face of the cool blue water, filled us its solitary light and grim weapons.

suspended from the columns swung an il-lamp. The court-yard was crowded with dark-faced Arabs and Kabyles. who presented in the half-light a picture no words can paint. At a sign from the master of the ceremonies, who was scated in the semicircle, those surrounding him began to best tombours, the sound of which fell in phythmic measure. To this was presently added a monotonous chant, rising and falling with equal cadence. Occasionally and suddenly there broke from the women above a wild cry, having nothing plaintive and little human in its tones, appealing like the notes of a trapped bird, uncanny as laughter heard in sleep, the while an Arab boy, seated by the urn, flung incense from time to time into the burning coals until a heavy, fragrant smoke filled the air. When the beating of the tambours had continued for about fifteen minutes an old man sprang from among the spectators into the semicircle, with all the gestures of a maniac-jumping into the air, flinging his hands wildly about, and swaving his head to and fro in a manner that would have seemed grotesque had it been less slipping the ring on my finger, I man. painful to witness. By degrees and with some difficulty an attendant removed his turban, scarf, and short jacket. The tambours now best more violently, the chant became more vigorous, and the incense heavier than be-The old man's face was deathly pale, his eyes were glazed and fixed. his scattered gray hairs stood up as if from fright. His frantic movements gradually increased, and, when he had arrived at the crisis of his frenzy, the sword lying on the table was passed to been hurried were five eggs not yet took him over the side. I reached the the chiefs, who, blessing it, handed it hatched. Two white, soft, flat bills | deck in time to see him pass the quarback. The master of ceremonies than presented it to the fanatic, who, seizing it with a frantic cry and waving it says. manding something in return, and I it with a frantic cry and waving it save complete the hatching process in the swiftly. The boy was a brave, cool have not the least desire to acknow-ral times over his head, plunged (or besem of his shirt and we carried the lad, and I could see he was battling

were about twenty men, serenc-eyed and mostly white-bearded. In the gal-

lery above veiled Moorish women look-

ed down upon the scepe. Og a rope

Guipure d'art, done in linen, the desegrate polaries, appearence of linent expense being in initiation of antique back, is quite populars, as are the creaming the stress of the same and the stress of the same and the stress of the same and the same and

year after I had received it, while be imagined than the appearance they dining with a colleague of our theatre, presented. In due time one was given a caught.

After lighting the log-fires the fish one of my mother's old friends saddenly red-hot shovel, which he received with frantic yells and gestures of delight. ting and announced to me that my hotel | rubbed his tingers on it repeatedly, and had been broken into, and all my dia- licked it sgain and again, crowing after monds stolen. I hastened home, and cach act with savage glee. The other found everything in disorder, and my was then presented with a spear, which servants in a panic of consternation. he suddenly stuck into one eye, but Thanks to the activity of the police the with no apparent injury or pain. He thief was ultimately captured, and, as then took the spear, and, resting i you may have read in the journals of against his stomach, struck the handle the time, condemned to the galleys; the greater part of the jewels were restone broke, the spear never penetrated covered and restored to me, but among these missing, much to my regret, was the diamond ring. the diamond ring.

"Some years later, I was invited to tions one of them took a live scorpion,

repeated by others, the spectators sit-ting tranquilly by-those in the sami-as they were besmired with clay. The circle beating their tambours and chanting incessantly, the Arab boy burning incense, the women crying shrilly from through the seams. Experts watched above. Each of those taking part in the spectacle sprang suddenly from the ground, where he had been sitting si- irawn from the bed of fire. The shells lently; each used the same gestures, and, having performed his part, sank helplessly to the ground. A few minutes served to restore them to their usual composed demeanor; they calmly took their places among the spectators, to all seeming neither injured nor fatigued. By the permission of an Arab chief I was permitted to test the genuineness of the weapons, and can wouch for the sharpness of the sword and spear. I know that the scorpion was living, and that I could not handle the leaf of the prickly-pear.

Floating Island. correspondent of the San Francisco Call, writing from North Fork, Snake river, I. T., says: "One of the wonders of our great country is gee's Pass trail. It is destined to be a lake is five miles wide and ten miles long. It is the source of the north "Silly girl!" said Mile. Mars, with fork of Snake river. Like a basin "What would become of us overflowing the clear water ripples over gurgling stream that flows peacefully through waving grass for half a mile mountain defiles we reached the lake.

were singing in the trees, swans were swimming on the lake. Before us was the winter range of the antelope, the deer, and elk. A party of trappers who spent one winter there say the elk came down like herds of cattle and destroyed their hay. They were com-pelled to drive them away to save any grass or other feed for their pack-

the little trees waving in the wind that and the mysterious island came on its | crinkle of the for'topsel." We paddled a raft of logs to its border. | thrilling and wonderful incident : It was circular in shape and 300 feet in sward, and so thin that it gave down into the water boot-top deep. A few There seemed to be two kinds-white | the cry: 'Man overboard!' the water when we were twenty-five | thought would help save the man, bu feet distant and disappeared. When we | these were of no advantage to a goolake swimming with three or four very | ing of a man who couldn't swim. small young ones close behind. She had managed to get them out of the gone to the cook-house for the breaknest and into the water, and they had fast, and the ship at that unlucky mofollowed her. They were not one day | ment went down into one of those old. In the nest from which they had heavy seas which swept the decks and have not the least desire to acknowledge the obligation.

"Presently the room was filled with the regular kabitues, and I carefully scanned every face in the hope of divining the mysterious donor, but without success. When they were gone the success. When they were gone to the success. When they were gone to the success would at hill and point and success to the success. When they were gone to the success to the success to the point, but with like effect. Having the point and long needs, with small down-covered to plunge it into his needs. That we eggs to camp. Our incubator was a success, and on the following morning the great of the sword against the bounder of one near him. He leaved to plunge it into his needs. The success, and on the following morning the drew forth from the recesses of his baggy flamel-shirt two long heads and long needs, with small down-covered to plunge it into his needs. The success, and on the following morning he drew forth from the recesses of his baggy flamel-shirt two long heads and long needs, with small down-covered to plunge it into his needs. The success, and on the following morning he drew forth from the recesses of his baggy flamel-shirt two long heads and long needs, with small down-covered to the same him. He was to tack ship. Of course, this depended on the boy's keeping above the waves.

Swiss lace for about \$40, and the designs are extremely graceful. Such a pair of cuttains as advisable, as they always convey an appearance of elegance, fully adequate to the cost, while the cheaper varieties seldom look other than what they are—imitations, and often poor ones at that.

One of the very latest importations of a large house here is a street cost tume which is entirely new, both in bly be demanded back from me. About distorted. Nothing more terrible can spect of a sumptuous meal. They were to feast on fish that were yet un-

ermen repaired to the foot of the stoop incline by the rushing outlet of the subterranean river. Each man cut a slender rod and shaped the end of it to fit loosely the hollow end of a buck's-horn spear-tip. A strong cord attached the suscular brave would sten ferward, a brawny bare arm would raise the simple implement above his head, where would balance for a second, and then like an arrow it would be hurled into the water with a sure aim; a trout would flash his speckled sides in the sun, the blood would flow in a red cloud down the stream, and a fine fish entrance half, I suddenly let a fact upon my arm, and looking up beheld gazing intently at me a masked figure in the costume of Charles the Seventh's two others took long, sharp needles, and kneeded to the consistency of case soon hardened in the fire like brick in a kiln. The oil sizzed and sputtered closely, and when the perfect crematic were broken with small stones, and the felicious morsels were turned out steaming, white, and savory enough to tempt an epicure.

It is related that Senator Vance once saved himself a bad experience from his well-known ability to tell a good story. When he was a freshman in the University of North Carolina the sophomores took him out one night to give him the usual dose of hazing. They took him to the mouth of a fortyfoot dry well, and proposed to let him down into it and leave him there for the rest of the night. Vance was A Wonderful Sheet of Water - The frightened half out of his wits, and begged like a good fellow, but he soon found no mercy would be shown him. Just as they were about to lower him into the black hole he exclaimed: "Hold on, boys, for a moment, and I Henry's lake, on the summit of the will tell you a good story about this Rocky Mountains, near the line be- sort of business." Operations were tween Idaho and Montana, on the Tar- suspended, and Zeb. told his story. When he concluded there was a howl popular summer resort, and the soil of laughter, and a big East Tennessean lively ingenue, that rings cannot speak. and climate are not unfavorable to the Stepped out and said: "We must not Yours might have furnished a clue to prospect of permanent settlement. The haze this man. Any man who touches him I'll stick my jack-knife into. A fellow who can tell such a story as that, hanging over the mouth of a fortyfoot well, has good stuff in him, and crumbled crystalline quartz - in a Vance himself says that from that night everybody in the school was his friend, and he never had any more trouble. Said he: "That incident made a lasting impression on my mind that often an extraordinary religious ceremony precipices on its way down from that was celebrated here by the Aissaoui, continental divide as it grows to be a good joke was worth more than money, and makes friends and nonpluses ene

There never was a perfect linimen town. This court—entrance to which The mild beauty of the smooth water, offered to the public till Salvation Oil was obtained by a dark, narrow vesti- level meadows, and shaded parks, all was discovered.

OVERBOARD IN A GALE. Cabin-Boy Spatched from the Waves and from Certain Death. [Martha's Vineyard Herald]

A company of old sea captains were gathered at Linton's grocery awaiting the arrival of the mail during the late storm. The boat was late in starting out that morning, and all knew its arrival would be quite delayed and some time elapse before the mail was ready for distribution, so, adjusting his quid, one of the captains remarked on the height of the waves then thundering on the beach, which led the conversation into the height of waves off Cape Hern and the Cape of Good Hope. Each one in his turn told what he regarded the biggest varn, when one of the old salts, after making a "dead shot " into the middle of the spittoon, When morning came the island was

with a desire to rest in their shade. | said : "I saw a wave once off Cape Good gone. Five miles away we could see Hope. We were a scuddin' before the wind in a heavy gale. I was standing had wafted them to the opposite side of aft when the ship went off, and I could the lake. The wind changed, however, | see the next wave as high as the bowlin daily orbit and rested, while all na- the fourth and oldest sailor of the ture was hushed that lovely after- party, who, having adjusted his quid neon pear where we had first seen it. | on the port side, related the following

"In the year 1857 I was in the good diameter. The outer edge was a tough | ship Minstrel, homeward bound from India, and just off the Cape of Good under the weight of a man and let him | Hope an accident happened I shall never forget. For several days we feet from the edge it would support the | had blowing and gloomy weather, and weight of a horse. The floating mass to add to the gloom my steward was we found to be a mat of grass-roots | taken crazy and I had him below in irons. I put in his place the cabin vegetable matter. The small trees had boy, a bright lad who had shipped They rocked and swayed from side to

Ohio. We were beating by the Cape, side as we walked around them. As with wind southwest, blowing a gale. we approached the island a large num- I was in my room preparing for breakber of swans were seen to swim away. | fast, about half-past 7, when I heard and gray. Their guttural calls could know who have been on the water the be heard five miles. In the wake of feeling when one of our little number some that evidently were filling the steps out with so short a notice. My office of mother, as they floated majes- first thought was : 'It is Brother Hentically away, were following the cyg-nets, fluffy and round like bunches of that when two brothers sail on a ship tow. In the grass near us was a swan | but one will come home alive. I was fluttering and crying as she stretched on deck in an instant, but every man out her long neck and spread out her | in the ship was there before me, and broad white wings. She splashed into | had thrown overboard anything they next saw her she was far out on the swimmer, and would hasten the drown-

"It appears that the cabin boy had

let the ship strike him was the next problem to solve. While standing on the rail and guiding the ship it excurred to me that if the boy was weak he could not hold on to a rope if it reached him, so I ordered a number of men to be put over the side secured by strong ropes fastened to the mast lashed to the waist of the ship. You know, Mr. Linton, that merchantmen always carry spars lashed securely to the side, so I hoped these men could catch him as the ship passed. I called out in a firm voice: Boys, don't you miss him,' and they knew from the way I said it I meant it. He was now drawing near, and the ship dying over the water. The man in the fore chains to each other for many feet, it is quite problem to each other for many feet, it is quite unamored between the unaccessary to cover them with armor. The bouyancy comprised between the two sides at such parts is very small, and consequently penetration can let but little water into the ship and do but little harm. It is a matter for the exercise of professional judgment where to draw the line between the armored and the unarmored parts. In the new British ships. Nile "and "Trainger," which have excited great admiration in England, there are about sixty feet of length at each end left without armor, and as the ship shave fine lines, but are nevertheless of considerable breadth at sixty feet from the ends it seems probable that good judgment has been the first the ship and do but little harm. It is a matter for the exercise of professional judgment where to draw the line between the armored and do but little water into the ship and do but little harm. It is a matter for the exercise of professional judgment where to draw the line between the armored and to the said of the said and the unarmored parts. In the new a matter for the exercise of professional judgment where to draw the line between the armored and to the said of the said o drawing near, and the ship lying over the water. The man in the fore chains missed him, then the next man, and the next man, and the next man, and the next man, and the mixen chains, was a strong, bright fellow, and with my heart in my throat I saw him place his feet against the ship's side and push himself off from the ship just as the bor came up on a wave. 'Saved!' hurrabed the men, as they hauled him on board. Now you know it took a deal of strength for that young man to catch and hold the boy as fast as the ship was going through the water. ship was going through the water. who had been in the water near an

with dannels, and for a week would require careful nursing. "At breakfast I asked him why he swam away from the ship. He said : I found I had to swim before the sea to keep from being rolled over, and when the big waves approached I dived through them.' Did you suppose we could get you?' No, but I was determined to keep above water as long as my strength lasted.' 'How near did the birds come to you? 'So near I had to fight them off and scream to let them know I was alive. One sassy fellow came near picking a hole in my

hour, was in charge of the officer be-

Armored Vessels in the European Na Harper's.]
It may be said, with little or no qualification, that all other European naval powers followed in the first place the example set by the late Emperor Napoleon III., in "La Gloire,' covering the whole of the exposed part of the war-ship's hull with armorplating. All the early iron-clads of Russia, Italy, Austria, and Germany were protected from stem to stern, and from a few feet below water to the upper deck. England did the same in the cases of a few ships, although she began, as we saw before, with the " Warrior" type, in which the armor was limited to the central part of the ship. But the system of completely covering the exposed ship with armor has now entirely and properly passed away from European practice, and has been succeeded by varied arrangements of armor.

The importance of giving effectual protection to the hull " between wind and water," as it is called (signifying from a few feet below the water-line to a few feet above that line), has been steadily recognized by Continental governments,

with but the rarest exceptions. Nothing corresponding to that wholesale abandonment of armor for about a hundred feet at each end of the ship which has been practiced in the British ships of the "Inflexible" and "Admiral" types is displayed in the line-of-battle ships of the Continent. In France, inneed, two such ships were laid down under some temporary influence-viz., the "Brennus" and the "Charles Martel," but they appear to have soon fallen under suspicion, and there has not been, to my knowledge, any great disposition to complete them for service. I know not what significance is to be attached to the fact, but I observe that these two ships have been omitted altoether from the iron-clad ships of France published so recently as May, 1886, in the Universal Regis ter of shipping, which Lloyd's Register Committee " believe will be found the most complete list that has yet been published." It seems not improbable, therefore, that the dangerous system of exposing two thirds of the ship's lergth to destruction from all kinds and every kind of naval guns, even the smallest, which prevailed in the British navy for more than twelve years, and which has now happily been superseded in the powerful new ships "Nile" and "Trafalgar," obtained but little more than momentary approval in France, and is likely to have led to the condemnation of the only two ships in which it was attempted-a result which is creditable alike to French science and to French saga-

In Italy the " Inflexible" system

(which has met in France with the fate we have just seen) obtained temporary favor, and was adopted in the " Duilto and the "Dandolo," two very large ships, of 11,000 tens each, of a speed exceeding tifteen knots, and each carrying four 100-ton guns in turrets. Although these ships are 340 feet in length, even the armored belt amidships if "belt" in any sense so short a strip of armor may be called) is but 107 feet ong, leaving therefore 233 feet of the ship at the ends wholly devoid of waterline protection. As the author of the "citadel system," I cannot regard such an arrangement as this as a fair and reasonable embodiment of it, the discrepancy between the armored and unarmored portions being greater in these two ships than even in the "Ajax and "Agamemnon," which are perbaps the worst examples of the abuse of the citadel system in the British navy. It is to the credit of the Italian Government that ships of this type were not repeated in their navy; and it is but right to point out that there were excuses (which probably ranked in the minds of the designers as research for a more extreme proportionate limitation "Duilio" and "Dandolo" than in the "Ajax" and "Agamemson." Among these were the possession by the halian ships of heavier armagent and of

ships of the iron-clad type in foreign ship was going through the water. The boy, after getting on deek, shook himself, and quietly remarked: 'I declare, I've lost my bat,' a ten-cent straw hat he had bought in Penang.

"I busied myself the next quarter of an hour in getting the ship round and on her course again and saw that every thing was snug, when up came the boy and said: 'Breakfast is ready, sir,' I was astonished. I supposed the boy, who had been in the water near an large than the water of the ends, but very few indications, which the length of the unatter of the unater than the water near an large than the water near an large than the water near Brown," which is a well-designed vessel low, rolling him on a barrel to get the in other respects, but which, on account water out of him and rubbing him of ber long defenceless bow and stern, would do better to avoid than to fight



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